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Amendment

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (cancel)

Claim 2 (currently amended): A method to detect of detecting breast cancer comprising the steps of:

- (a) obtaining a test sample from a patient;
- (b) detecting presence of at least one polypeptide a combination of polypeptides in said test sample selected from the group consisting of mammaglobin, BU101, and BS106, in said sample, (1) BS106 (SEQ ID NO:8) and BU101 (SEQ ID NO:6), (2) BS106 (SEQ ID NO:8) and mammaglobin (SEQ ID NO:5) and (3) BS106 (SEQ ID NO:8) and multimeric polypeptide antigen (MPA), wherein said MPA comprises at least one BU101 polypeptide (SEQ ID NO:6) and at least one mammaglobin polypeptide (SEQ ID NO:5), presence of said at least one polypeptide combination of polypeptides indicating presence of breast cancer in said patient.

Claim 3 (currently amended) A method of detecting the presence of breast cancer comprising the steps of:

- (a) obtaining a test sample from a patient;
- (b) contacting said test sample with at least two antibodies specific respectively for BS106, mammaglobin, BU101 and a multimeric antigen (MPA) each member of a combination of polypeptides, wherein said combination is selected from the group consisting of (1) BS106 (SEQ ID NO:8) and BU101 (SEQ ID NO:6), (2) BS106 and mammaglobin (SEQ ID NO:5) and (3) BS106 (SEQ ID NO:8) and MPA, wherein said multimeric antigen MPA comprises at least one BU101 polypeptide and at least one mammaglobin polypeptide, wherein said contact is for a time and under conditions sufficient to allow formulation formation of antigen/antibody complexes of each member of said combination; and

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(c) detecting said complexes <u>of each member of said combination</u>, wherein the presence of said complex <u>complexes</u> <u>indicates the</u> indicating presence of <u>breast</u> cancer in said patient.

Claim 4 (currently amended): A method of diagnosing breast cancer in a patient comprising the steps of:

- (a) preparing a tissue section or cell culture derived from a tumor excised from said patient;
- (b) exposing said tissue section or cell culture to an antibody two antibodies specific respectively for at least two of the following polypeptides: BS106, mammaglobin and BU101 each member of a combination of polypeptides selected from the group consisting of (1) BS106 (SEQ ID NO:8) and mammaglobin (SEQ ID NO:5), (2) BS106 (SEQ ID NO:8) and mammaglobin (SEQ ID NO:5) and (3) BS106 (SEQ ID NO:8) and MPA, for a time and under conditions sufficient to allow formation of antigen/antibody complexes of each member of said combination; and
- (c) localizing presence of said complexes <u>of each member of said</u>
 <u>combination</u> in said tissue section or cell culture, <u>wherein the presence presence</u> of said complexes <u>indicates the indicating</u> presence of breast cancer in said patient.

Claim 5 (cancel)